

Amendments to the Claims

Sub 39. (Currently amended) An intravenous device, comprising:
a body having a through passage connecting its one end to its other end, one end from which a needle extends and an other end to which extending from said one end and a flexible tubing connected to said other end is connected for establishing a fluid communication path between said needle and said tubing through said body, therethrough whereby with said needle inserted to a patient intravenous infusion to or withdrawal of fluid from a said patient may be effected; and

a housing ~~integrated and hingedly attached to~~ integrally extending from said one end of said body, said housing being pivotable to a position in substantial alignment along the longitudinal axis of said body so as to envelop said needle.

C 40. (Original) Intravenous device of claim 39, further comprising:
locking means integrated to said housing for fixedly retaining said needle within said housing once said needle is enveloped by said housing.

41. (Original) Intravenous device of claim 40, wherein said locking means comprises a hook that snaps over and retains said needle within said housing when said housing is pivoted substantially to said alignment position.

42. (Original) Intravenous device of claim 40, wherein said locking means comprises at least one pair of fingers coacting to prevent said needle from being removed from said housing once said housing is pivoted to envelop said needle.

43. (Original) Intravenous device of claim 40, wherein said one end of said body includes at least one locking means and said housing includes at least an other locking means; and

wherein said one and other locking means coact with each other for fixedly retaining said housing relative to said body when said housing is pivoted to envelop said needle.

44. (Currently amended) ~~A one piece safety~~ Safety intravenous infusion assembly to ~~prevent that prevents~~ a contaminated needle that is a part thereof of an infusion device from being exposed to the environment, comprising:

~~a body of said infusion device having an end whereto~~ having a one end and and other end, a through passage extending from said one end to said other end, said needle is attached and an other end whereto extending from said one end and a flexible tube through which fluid passes is connected to said other end so that a fluid passage is established between said tube and said needle;

~~a housing integrated and flexibly~~ integrally attached to said body, said housing being pivotable to a position in substantial alignment along the longitudinal axis of said body for enveloping said needle.

45. (Currently amended) ~~Safety intravenous infusion~~ assembly of claim 44, further comprising:

locking means integrated to said housing for fixedly retaining said needle within said housing once said needle is enveloped by said housing.

46. (Currently amended) ~~Safety intravenous infusion~~ assembly of claim 45, wherein said locking means comprises a hook that retains said needle within said housing once said housing is pivoted substantially to said alignment position.

47. (Currently amended) ~~Safety intravenous infusion~~ assembly of claim 44, further comprising:

first locking means integrated to said end of said body; and
second locking means integrated to said housing;

wherein said first and second locking means coact with each other to fixedly hold said housing relative to said body when said housing is pivoted to said alignment position.

48. (Currently amended) An intravenous device, comprising:

a winged body having a through passage connecting its one end to its other end, a needle extending from said one end and a flexible tubing connected to said other end ~~one end from which a needle extends and an other end to which a flexible tubing is connected~~ for establishing a fluid communication path between said tubing and said needle so that when said needle is inserted to a patient whereby intravenous infusion to or withdrawal of fluid from a said patient may be effected; and

a housing integrally ~~attached to~~ extending from said one end of said body, said housing being pivotable to a position in substantial alignment along the longitudinal axis of said body to envelop said needle.

49. (Previously added) Intravenous device of claim 48, further comprising:

locking means integrated to said housing for fixedly retaining said needle within said housing once said needle is enveloped by said housing.

50. (Previously added) Intravenous device of claim 49, wherein said locking means comprises a hook that snaps over and retains said needle within said housing when said housing is pivoted substantially to said alignment position.

51. (Previously added) Intravenous device of claim 49, wherein said locking means comprises at least one pair of fingers coacting to prevent said needle from being removed from said housing once said housing is pivoted to envelop said needle.

52. (Previously added) Intravenous device of claim 49, wherein said one end of said body includes at least one locking means and said housing includes at least an other locking means; and

C₁ wherein said one and other locking means coact with each other for fixedly retaining said housing relative to said body when said housing is pivoted to envelop said needle.
